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disclose or suggest "spreading one portion of the slurry for application provided on the front surface covering base paper by a spreader roll to form a spread portion of the slurry for application while providing non-spread portions of the slurry for application at both sides of the spread portion." Waltras does not disclose any non-spreading portions; rather it discloses that the length of the spread roller is approximately identical to the width of the facing paper and the initial stream is preferably uniform and smooth in texture so as to form a uniform surface in contact with the face paper after the slurry is subsequently cured. Likewise, Birdsey, Hauber, Sucech, and Ainsley do not disclose or suggest any non-spreading portions. Therefore, the present invention is not obvious or anticipated by any of the cited prior art references.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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